

## REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-14, 16 and 20 are pending in this application. This amendment amends claims 1, 2, and 20. Claims 3, 10-13 are canceled by this amendment. New claim 21 has been added. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 16, 20, and 21 remain for examination.

### Election/Restriction

The Examiner acknowledged applicants' election without traverse of species (i), Figs. 1-6 and sub-species (a), Figs. 7 and 8.

### Abstract

The Examiner reminded applicants' of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. The Abstract as submitted meets the requirements of proper language and format.

### Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 20 were objected to for informalities. Claims 1 and 20 are amended herein by insertion of –a—before “front side”. Claims 1 and 20 as amended have no informalities and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objections to these claims.

### Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as indefinite. This amendment cancels claims 12 and 13. The matter of claims 12 and 13 is incorporated in amended claim 1.

### Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,637,707 (Gates) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 2,779,114 (Orthwine).

Gates discloses an item-holder device with a cradle male dovetail mechanism which slides into the female dovetail mechanism in the mounting base receptacle. (Col. 3, lines 5-20).

Claim 1 as amended has the limitations that the support plate platform is wider at the bottom of the support platform than at the top of the support platform and the walls of the support platform form an acute angle with the front side of the platform. In addition, claim 1 as amended has the limitations that the item support has a cavity on the back side, wherein the cavity on the back side of the item support is wider at the bottom of the item support than at the top of the item support and the walls of the item support are at an obtuse angle to the back wall of the item support. Support in the specification for these amendments is found at Figs. 3-6; paragraph [0041], (page 6, lines 22-23); paragraph [0042], (page 6, line 26 – page 7, line 2); paragraph [0043], (page 7, lines 9-10); and paragraph [0044], (page 7, lines 16-19).

Claim 1 as amended therefore differs significantly from, and is not taught or suggested by, Gates.

Orthwine discloses a clip mounted to a shelf or partition by a centrally located extension 12 with ribs 20 and a spring tongue 18 (col 2, lines 32-33 and 40). The shelf or partition, if relatively thick, is inserted between the prongs (17) on the face of the holder and the spring tongue (col 2, lines 43-45).

The clip of the present disclosure is removably attached to the item support by a single tab. No interaction with other components of the clip is required for attachment of the clip.

Claim 1 as amended therefore differs significantly from, and is not taught or suggested by, Orthwine.

Accordingly, the matter of claim 1 and claims dependent on claim 1 are not unpatentable over Gates in view of Orthwine and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections.

Claims 1, 2, 10, 12, 14, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,035,389 (Wang) in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,882,862 (Slavsky).

Wang discloses a mounting device with a trapezoidal shape which can be inserted into the guiding path of an attached body. The attached members 21 each have a channel 22 along the edge which is adopted to accommodate the trapezoidal plate. The walls of the channel and the attached members are perpendicular to the back surface of the attaching members (col 2, lines 29-36, Fig. 10). The trapezoidal plate 50 has walls perpendicular to the front and back surfaces of the plate (Fig. 2).

The above comments on amendments to claim 1 with respect to Gates apply here.

Claim 1 as amended therefore differs significantly from, and is not taught or suggested by Wang.

Slavsky discloses a clip having two downwardly extending legs 30, 34 (col 3, lines 26-29). The clip is mounted on the upper edge of a container such as a bowl (col 3, lines 43-44) with the upper edge extending between the legs (Fig. 7).

The above comments on claim 1 with respect to Orthwine apply here.

The clip of Slavsky thus differs significantly from, and does not teach or suggest, the present disclosure in which the clip is secured to the holder by a single tab.

Accordingly, the matter of claim 1 and claims dependent on claim 1 is not unpatentable over Wang in view of Slavsky and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 was objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This amendment cancels claim 3 and incorporates the matter of claim 3 and claim 1 and any intervening claims into new independent claim 21.

Claim 20 was allowed. This amendment adds the word —a— to claim 20 in response to an objection to claim 20. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objections to the claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and early allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

No fee is required for this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0158. In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 18-0158.

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Respectfully submitted,

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